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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

KATSUHIRO AOKI ET AL. : GROUP ART UNIT: 2852

SERIAL NO: 09/535,158 :

FILED: MARCH 24, 2000 : EXAMINER: GRAINGER, Q.

FOR: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS
METHOD AND DEVELOPING DEVICE
TO OBTAIN A STABLE IMAGE DENSITY

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AND WITHDRAWAL OF ACTION

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action mailed October 10, 2001, please note the following remarks pointing out the reasons why this clearly improper Action should be withdrawn and traversing the clearly improper rejection of Claims 1-25 and 27-29 as well as the repeated failure to address Claim 26.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application including withdrawal of the clearly improper outstanding Office Action is respectfully requested in light of the following discussion.

Claims 1-29 are pending in this application.

The outstanding Official Action includes rejections of Claims 1, 2, 15, 16, and 29 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ono (JP-8-297413-A) "in view of admitted prior art of record," of Claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 12, 14, 15, 17, 19, 21, 28, and 29 under 35